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TECHNOLOGY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, SEASON 1907.

Left to Right—Back Row, R. W. Ferris, 1908 (Manager), C. F. McCarthy 1909, Frank Kanaly (Coach.) Middle Row, R. Ellis 1909, B. L. Gimson 1908, H. H. Howland 1908 (Capt.), H. R. Callaway 1908, W. T. MacCreadie 1911. Front Row, C. J. Batchelder 1909, J. N. Stephenson 1909.

TECH BREAKS RECORD UNPACED.

MILE TEAM RUNS EXHIBITION.

Tech Also Secures Other Places in
Lawrence Light Guard Meet

Tech's entries in the 35-yd. dash were H. Lockett 1910, C. Gram 1909, K. Fernstrom 1910. R. B. Todd 1908 also ran.

Lockett won his preliminary heat in 42-5s. Gram won his in 41-5s., Fernstrom took second in his heat, but did not qualify for finals. Lockett was beaten out by E. E. Nehan of the B. A. A. in a fast semi-final. Gram took his semi-final in easy manner, and won second in the final from a 3 ft. handicap.

In the 440, G. B. Cummings and Lockett, both 1910, came to the mark. Cummings won the first heat in 602-5s., but did not get placed in the final.

J. N. Stephenson 1909, was the only Tech man in the mile run. He was heavily handicapped and was not placed.

In the high jump R. H. Allen 1909, E. Stuart 1910, appeared. Allen was not in good form, but Stuart landed 3d place with a 51-2 in. handicap.

In an exhibition relay race, Tech broke the Lawrence Light Guard Track Race for the 352 yd. relay by 2-5 of a second. The record now stands 2m. 58s.; the men running were C. Gram 1909, K. D. Fernstrom 1910, B. L. Gimson 1908, H. Blackburn 1908. The record is the more remarkable, when it is considered that Tech was running unpaced against time, as no team could be found to race M. I. T., and that Gimson and Blackburn had already run a half mile.

Technology lost the 2 mile relay in the last 5 yards. White passed his man prettily in the final relay, but ran too high on the last etoin shrdlu cmf m t high on his last corner, letting his man by in a close finish. Time, 9 minutes. Team, Salisbury 1911, Eldred 1911, MacCreadie 1911, White 1911.

Among the officials in charge of the meet were Maj. Briggs, asst. marshal, and M. A. Coe 1906, inspector.

SHOW HAS HELD TWO REHEARSALS.

MANY MEN OUT, MOSTLY TO BE CHORUS-GIRLS.

Number of New Men is Promising for
Success of Show.

Work on the cast and chorus of the Show has now begun in dead earnest. Two rehearsals have already been held, a third is to be held this afternoon, and they are to be held regularly from now on.

At the first meeting, last Friday, a large number of men showed up, including many of last year's cast and a number of new ones. Different members of the management spoke, and the author, G. G. Westervelt, gave an outline of the book and of the principal characters.

The book of "Over the Garden Wall" offers exceptional opportunity in the way of acting. The cast includes a match-making chaperone, a sea captain, Irish and Italian parts, a negro, a crazy professor, and a number of young lovers, besides obstinate parents. There are a number of choruses, too, which show promise of making a decided hit.

Coach James Francis was right on deck and gave the men one of his characteristic talks. Now that the Bank Officers' Show "The Boy and the Girl" is over he can devote his time to the Tech Show, and things will hum from now on.

There were no selections made Friday but each man handed in his name together with the name of the part for which he wished to try. As usual a large number had aspirations for the chorus girls' parts and a number wished to dance. Stein, Saul, Belden, Hield, Kibbey and Finnie of last year's show were right on deck as was also Schofield, who played in "The Freshman." There is still, however, room for a good many more to fill the principal parts.

Saturday afternoon there was another meeting of candidates. With A. F. Thode at the piano and J. M. Flockton

PAST SEASON TAUGHT CROSS COUNTRY LESSONS.

CAPTAIN ELLIS HOPES TECH WILL PROFIT BY THEM.

Lack of Experience and of Team Spirit
Are Most Important.

The past cross country season although not very successful, has taught several lessons. Of these the two most important are the necessity for experience and the need of what might be called "team spirit."

Each man should feel that his success is not merely an individual affair but one which affects the whole team. This feeling can only be produced by the team training and working together as a unit. Last fall the men did not get together soon enough to get this team spirit, but this year it is hoped to get everyone out early and to avoid any great changes in the Cross Country Team after the Harvard race.

In addition to these more obvious shortcomings there is another very important one—poor attendance at the weekly hare and hound runs. The victory over Harvard in 1906 was due in no small measure to the large numbers who came out every hare and hound run the two previous years.

In fact, the chase captain at that time, A. R. Hunter 1908, should get as much credit as anyone for the 1906 team. This theory is corroborated by the policy adopted by Cornell. Every year Moakley gets out 300 cross country men—good, bad or indifferent, he welcomes them all for the sake of a few star men he finds among them.

leading, the crowd sang over the choruses of a few of the songs which have been selected for the present show. Coach Francis was not there Saturday but he will be at the meeting today and will make the first provisional selections.

Any who wish to obtain copies of the scores or posters of "William, Willie and Bill" or "The Freshman" will find them on sale at the Cage.

STUDENTS MAY GET ONLY A PORTION.

COPLEY SOCIETY SEEMS TO HAVE "MORAL CLAIMS" TO COPLEY BUILDING.

Executive Committee of Corporation is
Considering Matter for Best of Institute.

Copley Hall's fitness for a temporary Union or Walker Memorial, together with arrangements with the Copley Society for releasing the building, are under consideration by the Executive Committee of the Corporation. A sub-committee has examined into all matters pertaining to this project, and it is probable that the decision of the Executive Committee will be given out by a week from Wednesday.

It seems now that only a portion of the building will be given up to student use, probably only the hall for dining room purposes. The Copley Society seems to have moral claims to the building, and is making a strong case to remain in its present quarters. It claims that if it is forced to move the extinction of the society is certain.

The fact that the Copley Society would not have to move from the building was brought out by Mr. Hart in his speech before the alumni at the annual dinner. He said that in the consideration of the proposal there were other things than the mere taking over of this building to be thought of. He pointed out that the Copley Society had expended much money in improving the hall, and that in this the Institute had participated. Mr. Hart felt that there were moral equities to be considered, that there was a possibility of compromise with the Copley Society, in which certain portions of the building could be used for the student's best interests.

In this compromise it is rumored that the Copley Society is coming out much ahead. The probable arrangement will be that the Copley Society will still hold the building, while the students will be allowed the use of the hall as a dining room at noon, and at such times in the evenings as the students wish. This wish will have to be shown far in advance as the hall is now let for nearly every night during the winter and spring season. This seems to be the true status of the matter up to the present time.

However, a prominent member of the Executive Committee has assured The Tech and the Institute Committee that the matter will be gone over very thoroughly by the sub-committee, which is made up of two men very interested in student development. This member also promised that whatever the decision made by the Executive Committee, this decision would be made only after a careful consideration of the student's needs and the rights of the Copley Society. He also hoped that whatever the decision the students would see that the Executive Committee considered it for the best of the Institute.

TECH GETS NEW ENGLAND MEET

To Be Held at Tech Field.

At the meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association, held Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Lenox, it was decided to accept the offer of Technology and to hold the annual track and field meet of the association at Tech Field, Brookline.

In other years this important meet has been held on the Worcester Oval, at Worcester, and this, together with the fact that the meet has come during the final examination week, has made it impossible for Tech to enter a representative team.

With the meet coming on Tech Field, however, the difficulty will be overcome, and it is the belief of Coach Kanaly and several of the members of the track team that M. I. T. should have a good opportunity to win the meet.

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The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the election of J. Newell Stephenson 1909 to the position of Associate Editor and of the appointments of Richard H. Ranger 1911 to the News Staff and of George B. Forristall 1911 to the Business Staff.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS.

It would seem that the Executive Committee is in a hard place, torn between the "moral obligations" to the Copley Society and the moral obligations to the students in deciding on the proposal made to furnish an adequate Union for 1,400 students. It would seem that the Copley Society has the Institute tied up in a financial tangle from which it cannot withdraw, and that the society can practically dictate terms to the Institute as to its withdrawal from a lease which should expire next September.

It would perhaps be well to abate again the rights of the students in this matter, and the duties of the governing body of the Institute toward this third great party of the trinity of bodies that make Technology.

Let us first examine this trinity of bodies, the Faculty, the Alumni, and the Undergraduates. The spirit of the first perhaps typifies the best there is of Technology spirit. It stands always for the highest that Technology stands for. Its spirit was well shown in the Harvard merger question, when this body of men voted against the merger, pledged from their slender salaries a large sum of money to keep the Institute intact, and throughout showed the most courageous spirit.

The second, up to the time of the Harvard merger question, was a more or less disorganized body. This vital question welded the component parts firmly together. Now we have a body, with wonderful thinking leaders, taking part in the administration, financing and advancement of the Institute as is seen in few other institutions in the country.

Let us now turn to the third body, drawing our lessons from a study of the second body. The alumni were more or less disorganized before the Harvard merger question for the same reason that the student body is now disorganized, the life that alumni had led here at the Institute while undergraduates. Back of 1900 there was little to bring the students together socially. There was, however, the saving grace of varsity athletics and small enrollment.

Another significant fact is that the leaders of this alumni body come from classes which were small while at the Institute, offering a greater means of knowing every class-mate as well as every student. Many of the later graduates from the larger classes say that such training as they have in the ordinary intercourse of man with man in the business and engineering world they did not secure while students at the Institute, but after their graduation and in a rather painful manner.

Upon the proper spirit in this trinity of bodies depends the future of the Institute. One is as vital as the other in the healthy growth of any institution. This is recognized by every great educator. Equipment, buildings or endowment count for little if there is not a healthy, democratic universal spirit for the Alma Mater among these vital components of an institution.

That equipment and money count for little without spirit is shown by the standing of many of the big western universities, which are far from the top nationally. The deterioration of the average theological school has come not from deterioration of the Faculty or Alumni but from the poor quality and spirit of the student body. From the President of Tufts College comes the complaint that the academic department in that institution is not advanced

because of the inferior quality of the students through co-education.

Accepted as proven that the undergraduates are a very vital part of an institution it would seem that the governing body of the Institute are under deep moral obligations to the students. Every effort should be made to cement this disintegrated body of individuals, societies and classes into one Technology whole.

Under the present conditions everything militates against the undergraduates offering a united spirit and front. In athletics the class spirit is fostered almost to the extinction of varsity or Technology spirit. The Field Day, admirable as the contest is, excites more feeling and has a larger attendance than any contest between Technology and another college. That this event should continue is not doubted, but there ought to be some influence at work to make class secondary to Institute spirit.

Socially there are the professional societies and the fraternities. The first should foster the student's pride in his profession by association and contact with fellows of his profession and course. Too little is done by these societies for the bringing out of the Institute spirit.

Fraternities even under the most ideal conditions tend toward cliquism. They are, however, recognized by everyone as one of the greatest social factors in American college life. The ideal is of course found at such colleges as are situated in towns where nearly every member of the student body can become a "Greek" and where the "parts" can form a society of their own.

In this respect very peculiar conditions exist at the Institute. At present 26 per cent. of the undergraduates are fraternity members. Not more than 30 per cent. can ever be members of these organizations. A chapter cannot afford to carry too many poor men. Locals, men resident in the suburbs of Boston living at home, are almost impossible.

The fraternity register therefore contains men with a definite income, coming in great part from a distance, and also in great part men who, without these organizations, would have found plentiful opportunities for social relaxation and training. That there is need of such social life and organizations is shown in the rapidly increasing list of the chapters in the last few years. The social problem at the Institute can never be solved by multiplying of fraternities.

Added to the inadequacy of the fraternity to solve the social is the influence of the fraternity at the Institute. The tendency of the fraternity chapter at the Institute is to foster clique spirit, an interest in their own organization.

Something should be done for the remaining 74 per cent. of the student (Continued on page 5)

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AID OF FUND FOR A NEW UNION.

Hippodrome Is Most Stupendous Amusement Enterprise Ever Attempted in
Boston. Amateur Events by Tech Men are to Add to Fun of "Tech Day."

Friday, April 10, will be Tech Day at the Boston Hippodrome, Mechanics Building. The profits of the day are to be devoted to a fund for the equipment of a part of the Copley Hall building as a Temporary Walker Building.

All the reserved seats for both the afternoon and evening performances have been reserved by the Board of Editors of The Tech for Technology men and their friends. These seats are to be held for Tech men until March 15, when they will be sold to the public, and by a special arrangement with Mr. Albert R. Rogers, president and owner of the Boston Hippodrome Company, a large per cent will be given on all tickets sold by The Tech up to that time.

This entire sum is to be turned over to the Institute for the equipment and maintenance of a Temporary Union in the Copley Hall building. Tech Day

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The main floor will contain the Circus Arena, consisting of two 40-foot rings and a 40-foot stage. Around this will be placed the great Hippodrome track for the races. The outside of the track will be circled with the boxes behind which will be built, at great expense, a series of raised platforms containing 1500 chairs. The seats on this arena floor and the first balcony will all be the same price, \$1.00 each, the 600 box seats \$2.00 each. Boxes hold six, eight and ten, according to location.



AND ALL OF THE FAMILY WERE
THERE.

"Father and Mother, Sister and Brother,
Mary the Cook and the Hired Man."

has been planned by Mr. Rogers as the biggest day of the month during which the circus is to run.

He has promised to decorate both the interior and exterior of Mechanics Hall on that day with Cardinal and Gray decorations, Tech flags, and ribbons, while each performer in the circus will wear a Cardinal and Gray sash.

In order to make the event thoroughly a Tech Day, and by far the greatest Tech Day in the history of the Institute, The Tech has arranged with Mr. Rogers for amateur events by Tech men, including Tech clowns, ringmasters, acrobats, obstacle races, etc.

Ten tickets are to be mailed to each student of the Institute to be sold by him at \$1.00 apiece. These tickets are exchangeable without additional cost before March 15 at the Box Office of the Hippodrome, at 74 Boylston Street, for reserved seats for either the afternoon or evening performance. Each student is expected to sell these tickets to his friends, who will themselves get their reserved seats, and to turn in his money to the Business Manager of The Tech.

The 64 boxes, seating six, eight, and ten persons, at a regular price of \$2 per seat, are to be auctioned off, in order that the greatest profit may be realized. Bids for these boxes will be received at any time, and The Tech agrees to act as agent for any person thus sending in bids. The time, date, and place of the auction will be announced later in these columns.

It is especially urged that tickets be sold and exchanged for reserved seats as early as possible. Attention is also called to the fact that this exchange must be made before March 15, as all reserved seats not taken by that date will be given up then and Tech men will have no further claim on them except as part of the general public.

The Boston Hippodrome, which opens March 30th and runs for one month in Mechanics Building, will be the most ex-



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The acts that will be presented will be the best that money can buy and the cost of running each performance will be over \$1,600.

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Among the many circus stars engaged is Marie Louise Galvin, the famous queen of the sawdust ring, who has no

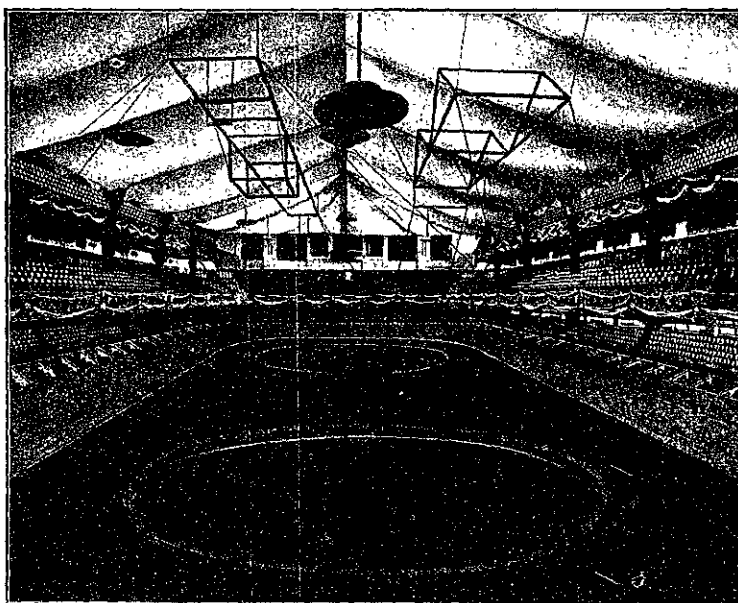
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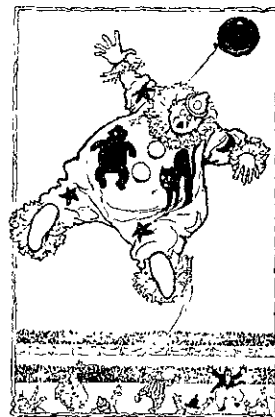


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Whereas: The efficiency of the department is being impaired by this congestion; and

Whereas: Still further difficulties, if some steps are not taken to obviate them, promise to arise in the near future; and

Whereas: The Mechanical Engineering Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology believes in the fostering and supporting of student interests and activities; and

Whereas: A feasible plan for remedying the above-mentioned conditions, and increasing the opportunity for social communion among the students of the Institute of Technology by furnishing a suitable place in which they meet in common; be it

Resolved: That the Mechanical Engineering Society express itself as concurring heartily with the Institute Committee and the Board of Editors of The Tech in their endorsement of this plan; and be it further

Resolved: That the Mechanical Engineering Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology communicate these resolutions to the above-mentioned bodies in earnest of their sincere and hearty approval of the movement.

For the Society,

(Signed) HERBERT A. ANGUS,
President.

From the Walker Club.

Whereas: The Walker Club, after considering a suggestion of the Board of Editors of The Tech that Copley Hall

be given up to student use, is convinced that such would be to the advantage of the entire Institute, particularly in so far as it would greatly promote the broad ideals characteristic of General Walker;

Resolved: That the Walker Club hereby express its strong approval of this suggestion that Copley Hall be used to promote student welfare; also

Resolved: That these resolutions be printed in The Tech, and that a copy of them be handed to the Institute Committee.

For the Walker Club by the Executive Committee.

(Signed) CHANNING TURNER,
President.

(Signed) WALTER W. KING,
Secretary.

From the Class of 1907.

Whereas: The Institute Committee and the Board of Editors of The Tech have proposed the taking of Copley Hall as a temporary Walker Memorial Building, and

Whereas: Sixty-seven members of the Class of 1907, present at the first Alumni Dinner of the class, have unanimously expressed themselves in favor of the proposed plan, believing that its adoption will greatly benefit the undergraduate body of the Institute, the present Tech Union being inadequate, be it

Resolved: That the aforesaid sixty seven members of the Class of 1907 place themselves on record as being in favor of the proposed plan, and be it further

Resolved: That these resolutions be published in The Tech.

(Signed) HAROLD S. WILSON,
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body who either cannot, will not, or are not eligible to, enter fraternity life. Meeting places for conversation must be provided for this body other than hall ways, street corners, libraries, where the rule of quiet is more or less enforced, bowling alleys, hotel foyers, billiard rooms and even bar-rooms. Only a small number can afford to take part in the advantages of the Technology Club, and few care because of the quieter spirit there.

Better accommodations for eating should be provided than the present Union at a distance of over half a mile from the main buildings, the present helter-skelter Technology lunch room, cheap lunch rooms in the Back Bay district; and students carrying lunches should not be forced to eat them under the stairway in a cellar next to a lavatory and closet, in an artificially-lighted gloomy room, mid drawing board cases, or in drawing room and laboratories. Associations should not be forced to go to down-town hotels for monthly dinners because the Union or the Technology Club cannot offer service or is in use.

Student activities should not be forced to work one on top of the other, in a small room on the third floor of this be-staird institution. Students should not be forced to seek social relaxation in the laboratory or drawing room, in the suburban town or downtown hotel; student enterprises should not work under such conditions as to militate against good school work, and opportunity for study should be offered in other than library, drawing room or basement.

Again through this publication the students ask that in the consideration of this proposal to take over Copley Hall, the building be made a student's house, not that of the Copley Society, that the students allow the Copley Society to use the hall and rooms, not vice-versa, and above all that, in the consideration and planning for this temporary Union, everything be done to foster in the undergraduates that same spirit as is seen in the Faculty and Alumni, not the spirit of a day technical school but a university of technology.

NOTICES.

TECH SHOW.—All men writing music for the show will meet Francis between two and four Monday afternoon at the Union.

MAJESTIC THEATRE.

At the Majestic Theatre Julia Marlowe will tonight begin the second and last week of her Boston engagement. The repertoire for this week will run as follows tonight and Wednesday matinee "Romeo and Juliet," tomorrow night "Gloria," Wednesday night and Saturday matinee and night "When Knighthood was in Flower" and on Thursday and Friday nights "As You Like it." Particular interest has been aroused in the revival of "As You Like it."

ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Jacobs of West Berlin announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lillian Viola, to Howard T. Chandler 1901, Dorchester.

Albert E. Clark of Dorchester announces the engagement of his daughter, Pancha Louise, to Charles Whitney Hawkins 1905.

Mrs. Ella Watson Bailey of Brookline announces the engagement of her daughter, Helen Chase, to Edwin Francis Albright 1894, of Washington, D. C.

CALENDAR.

Monday, February 17, 1907.

4.00 P. M. Tech Show Rehearsal at the Union.

6.00 P. M. Exeter Men Meet on Rogers Steps.

Tuesday, February 18, 1908.

4.00 P. M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

Wednesday, February 19, 1908.

6.30 P. M. Biological Society Dinner at the Union.

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